

LISTING AND AMENDMENT OF THE CLAIMS:

1. (Original) A cosmetic composition which comprises sodium ions, potassium ions, calcium ions, magnesium ions, chlorine ions and HCO_3 ions in a molar concentration proportion equal to that in the extracellular fluid of mammals, and further comprises glucose in a concentration of 0.05 to 0.15 mol/L and sodium glutamate in a concentration of 0.01 to 0.03 mol/L.
2. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, which is a skin-lightening cosmetic.
3. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, which is a cosmetic for skin rejuvenation.
4. (Original) The composition according to Claim 1, which is an aqueous solution.
5. (New) A method for lightening skin which comprises applying to the skin to be lightened, a skin lightening effective amount of a cosmetic composition which comprises sodium ions, potassium ions, calcium ions, magnesium ions, chlorine ions and HCO_3 ions in a molar concentration proportion equal to that in the extracellular fluid of mammals, and further comprises glucose in a concentration of 0.05 to 0.15 mol/L and sodium glutamate in a concentration of 0.01 to 0.03 mol/L.

6. (New) The method of Claim 5 where the cosmetic composition is an aqueous solution.
7. (New) The method of Claim 6 where the skin lightening effective amount is an amount causing decrease in melanin in skin cells.
8. (New) A method for rejuvenating skin which comprises applying to the skin a living cell increase causing amount as evidenced by increase in formazan production, of cosmetic composition which comprises sodium ions, potassium ions, calcium ions, magnesium ions, chlorine ions and HCO_3 ions in a molar concentration proportion equal to that in the extracellular fluid of mammals, and further comprises glucose in a concentration of 0.05 to 0.15 mol/L and sodium glutamate in a concentration of 0.01 to 0.03 mol/L.
9. (New) The method of Claim 8 where the cosmetic composition is an aqueous solution.
10. (New) A method for causing reduction in melanin content in human skin cells comprising contacting said cells with a melanin content reduction effective amount of a cosmetic composition which comprises sodium ions, potassium ions, calcium ions, magnesium ions, chlorine ions and HCO_3 ions in a molar concentration proportion equal to that in the extracellular fluid of mammals, and further comprises glucose in a

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concentration of 0.05 to 0.15 mol/L and sodium glutamate in a concentration of 0.01 to 0.03 mol/L.

11. (New) The method of Claim 10 where the cosmetic composition is an aqueous solution.

12. (New) A method of causing increase in amount of living skin cells in an aggregation or group of said cells as evidenced by increase in formazan production by the cells comprising contacting said cells with a live cell increase causing amount of cosmetic composition which comprises sodium ions, potassium ions, calcium ions, magnesium ions, chlorine ions and HCO_3 ions in a molar concentration proportion equal to that in the extracellular fluid of mammals, and further comprises glucose in a concentration of 0.05 to 0.15 mol/L and sodium glutamate in a concentration of 0.01 to 0.03 mol/L.

13. (New) The method of Claim 12 where the cosmetic composition is an aqueous solution.